

CLAIMS

1. A fastener for use with a power landscaping tool, comprising:
a first loop including means for gripping a smooth cylindrical surface of the tool and means for adjusting the first loop to a selected size;
a second loop including means for adjusting the second loop to a selected size; and
means for coupling the first loop to the second loop.
2. The fastener of claim 1 wherein the second loop further includes means for damping vibrations emanating from the tool.
3. The fastener of claim 1 wherein the first and second loops are webbing straps.
4. The fastener of claim 3 wherein the gripping means comprises a plurality of elastomeric threads woven into the webbing strap of the first loop.
5. The fastener of claim 1 wherein the adjusting means of the first and second loops comprise hook-and-loop surfaces
6. The fastener of claim 1 wherein the coupling means comprises a series of stitches coupling a first end of the second loop to the first loop.
7. A support for use with a power tool, comprising:
a buckle;
a first strap having first and second ends, the first end configured to pass through a first side of the buckle and couple to the second end to form an adjustable first loop; and

a second strap having a first end attached to the first strap at a point in a middle region of the first strap, and a second end configured to pass through a second side of the buckle and couple to itself to form a second loop.

8. The support of claim 7 wherein the first strap is formed from a webbing material and the elastomeric gripping surface comprises a plurality of elastomeric threads interwoven into the webbing material.

9. The support of claim 7 wherein the second strap comprises a resilient member affixed to an inner surface thereof, configured to dampen vibrations transmitted by the support.

10. The support of claim 7 wherein the first strap includes hook and loop fasteners for adjustably coupling the first and second ends thereof to form the first loop.

11. The support of claim 7 wherein the buckle includes first and second apertures, with the first strap passing through the first aperture, and the second aperture captured within a bight in the second end of the second strap to form the second loop.

12. The support of claim 11 wherein the second strap includes hook and loop fasteners positioned to couple the second end of the second strap to the second strap to form the bight therein.

13. The support of claim 7 further comprising an elastomeric gripping surface affixed to a side of the first strap such that when the strap is formed into the first loop, the elastomeric gripping surface is on an inner surface thereof.

14. A landscape tool for use by an operator, comprising:

a motor;
an elongated working member coupled to the motor;
a strap coupled to the elongated member and configured to be adjustably coupled to the operator's forearm; and
a resilient vibration-damping member coupled to an inner surface of the strap and positioned to make contact with the operator's forearm.

15. The landscape tool of claim 13 wherein the strap comprises a loop coupled to the elongated working member and configured to be adjustably coupled to the operator's forearm.

16. The landscape tool of claim 15 wherein the loop is coupled to the elongated working member by a clip configured to mate with a coupling member affixed to the elongated working member.

17. The landscape tool of claim 13 wherein the strap comprises first and second loops, with the first loop affixed to the elongated working member and the second loop configured to be adjustably coupled to the operator's forearm.

18. The landscape tool of claim 17, further comprising an elastomeric gripping member coupled to an inner surface of the first loop.

19. The landscape tool of claim 18 wherein the strap is formed from webbing material and the elastomeric gripping member comprises a plurality of elastomeric threads woven into the webbing material of the first loop.

20. The landscape tool of claim 13 wherein the motor is gasoline powered.

21. The landscape tool of claim 13 wherein the elongated working member is a blower nozzle.

22. The landscape tool of claim 13 wherein the elongated working member is a trimmer.

23. The landscape tool of claim 13 wherein the elongated working member is a pressure washer.

24. A method of operating a power tool, comprising:
affixing a strap to an elongated member of the power tool;
adjustably affixing the strap to an operator's forearm;
applying power to the power tool;
dampening vibrations transmitted from the power tool to the operator's
forearm; and
directing the elongated member by movements of the operator's forearm.

25. The method of claim 24, further comprising gripping a handle attached to the elongated member.